

# Racial Justice at the Crossroads: A Summit to Situate the Moment and Shape the Future

## AGENDA

### Day 1: Thursday, April 18, 2024 (In-Person and Online)

#### **4:30 p.m. Featured Speakers: Has the Momentum for Criminal Justice Reform Stalled? Stories from the Frontline Fight for Progress (co-hosted by the Center for Public Interest Law)**

- Sharone Mitchell, Cook County Public Defender
- Ahmadou “Mo” Dramé, Director, Illinois Justice Project

#### **5:15 p.m. The State of Racial Justice in Chicago: A conversation between local advocates and leaders in Chicago, speaking on the current state of racial justice efforts in the city**

- Audra Wilson, President and CEO, Shriver Center on Poverty Law
- Grace Pai, Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice Chicago
- Stevie Valles, Executive Director, Chicago Votes
- Moderators: Jack McNeil and Madeline Hudson, DePaul Racial Justice Initiative Student Research Assistants

#### **6:00 p.m. Reception**

#### **7:00 p.m. Day 1 Ends**

### Day 2: Friday, April 19, 2024 (Online only)

#### **12:00 p.m. Distinguished Speaker: Julián Castro, Former Mayor, San Antonio, TX; Former Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Obama Administration**

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### **12:45 p.m. Panel 1 – Collaboration and Coordination: National Race and Law Center Summit**

- Darren Hutcherson, Professor of Law; John Lewis Chair for Civil Rights and Social Justice; Director of Community and Inclusion; Chief Diversity Officer, Emory University
- Michael Seng, Professor of Law; Director, Fair Housing, Legal Support Center, University of Illinois Chicago
- Shelia Bedi, Clinical Professor of Law, Northwestern University
- Moderator: Manoj Mate, Associate Professor of Law; Faculty Director, Racial Justice Initiative, DePaul University

### **1:30 p.m. Panel 2 – Responding to the Attack on DEI and Racial Justice Movements**

- Vinay Harpalani, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico
- Sheldon Bernard Lyke, Associate Professor of Law, Loyola University Chicago
- Seval Yildirim, Vice Provost of Inclusive Excellence; Professor of Law, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
- Moderator: Nathan Bennett-Fleming, Racial Justice Fellow, DePaul University College of Law

### **2:15 p.m. Day 2 Ends**

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